

GIRL ASKS ABOUT 'KU-KLUX' VICTIM

Miss Florence Powell Wires
Police Concerning Condition
of Peter McMahon

TOLD OF LASHING IN SOUTH

A request for information concerning Peter McMahon, of Yonkers, N. Y., who told police here he had been beaten in South Carolina by members of the "Ku Klux Klan," was received here last night from Miss Florence Powell. In his story to the police McMahon said he had gone to Aiken, S. C., on a mission for Miss Powell. He had tried to gain a greater share of her father's fortune for the young woman, McMahon alleged.

Captain of Detectives Souder last night received this message signed by Miss Powell:

"Understand Peter McMahon was taken from train in Philadelphia and is confined in a hospital there. Wire my expense."

The young woman gave as her address the Laura Spelman Hall, a Y. W. C. A. hotel at Eighth and Twelfth streets, New York city.

Captain Souder telegraphed that McMahon, who had been treated at the Hahnemann Hospital, had gone on to Yonkers, N. Y.

At the Y. W. C. A. hotel today it was stated Miss Powell registered there yesterday. She checked out this morning, after passing the night there. When registering she gave her address as Aiken, S. C.

McMahon's experiences with men attracted after the fashion of the Ku Klux Klan of the days immediately following the Civil War, occurred last Monday night a few miles outside of Trenton, S. C.

According to McMahon, Miss Powell's father, James Powell, recently made a division of his property among his children. The young woman, who is twenty-five years old, received the interest on \$50,000 as her share.

Powell, the father, McMahon stated, is blind. He formerly was vice president of a bank at Aiken, S. C. The alleged victim of the night riders had been employed for years by Mr. Powell, he said, as concubine and general utility man.

NEW CRUISE FOR CADETS

Class Now Being Recruited for
Schoolship Annapolis

The Pennsylvania schoolship Annapolis, which recently returned to Philadelphia from a 6000-mile cruise with its first class of cadets, is taking on a new class of cadets prior to making a cruise in the spring.

The school aboard the ship is maintained by state appropriations, and it offers free instruction in navigation, seamanship and marine engineering to the young men of the state between the ages of seventeen and twenty, fitting them in two years to become officers in the American merchant marine.

The Annapolis is docked at Penn Treaty Park, foot of East Columbia avenue.

WANTS WORD FROM BUDDIES

Seventy-ninth Division Veteran Has
Novel Way of Saying "Howdy"

A soldier, evidently trying to get in touch with old comrades of the Seventy-ninth Division, threw a note addressed to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER from a through train, southbound, at Grays Ferry today.

The note was signed "A. P. Bernatczek, of the old Seventy-ninth Division." His present address, he said, is 42 C. A. C. Potters, D. Camp, Leesville, Va. The writer requested messages from Sergeants Devine, Horton, Lees and Doyle Ellison and Lieutenant Reed.

SEARLES LEFT \$50,000,000

Benefactor of Melrose Park Women
Had Much in Cash

Edward F. Searles, benefactor, in his will, of Mrs. Mary C. Rowland and her three children, of Melrose Park, left an estate valued at \$50,000,000 when he died last August, at Methuen, Mass. He possessed cash and bonds valued at \$10,000,000.

Mrs. Rowland and her children receive \$4,500,000 by terms of the will. The exact extent of the estate was made known yesterday when Arthur F. Walker, of Brooklyn, and Lewis L. Deland, of New York, applied to Surrogate Foley in New York for citations to the persons interested in the estate.

Mr. Walker received the bulk of the Searles millions. Mr. Searles' nephew, Victor Searles, who received \$250,000, has contested the will, alleging Mr. Walker conspired to obtain the bulk of the fortune.

Surrogate Foley directed those interested to show cause why Mr. Walker or Mr. Deland should not be appointed temporary administrator in New York state. It is contended this is necessary pending the outcome of the nephew's suit. The application for citations points out that the contest cannot be tried in Massachusetts until next January, and that an administrator is necessary in the interim to care for the estate.

COUNCIL BLUNDER FOUND

Measure Increasing Interest Rate
Must Be Repassed

Legislative red tape will have to be gone through with again by Council in the matter of the ordinance increasing from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 per cent the interest rate on the balance of the \$67,100,000 transit and harbor improvement loan that has not yet been borrowed.

Through discovery by City Controller Hadley that the ordinance signed by the Mayor on Tuesday had the figures "\$67,100,000" instead of the actual balance unborrowed, it was made necessary to start the wheels of legislation all over again.

City Controller Hadley was ready yesterday to send out advertisements for bids to be received on about \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 of the unborrowed balance when the mistake was discovered. It will take about two weeks for Council to rectify the error. The money to be borrowed is to replace other money taken from the general fund for the purposes provided for in the loan.

Will Plan to Finance Bridge

Action on a fiscal program in connection with the preliminary survey work of the proposed Delaware river bridge will be taken at a meeting of the Bridge Commission, which Mayor Moore announced yesterday he will call together within the next ten days.

GALLAGHER, 'CABBY' FOR 50 YEARS, DIES

Driver Carried Presidents, Noted
Actors, Writers and Other
Celebrities in His Day

DAVIS PERPETUATED NAME

Jim Gallagher, old-time "cabby" guardian of the night, died last night in the Pennsylvania Hospital. He was sixty-three years old and lived at 930 West York street.

For upward of half a century, Gallagher—as everybody called him—drove a horse cab, with a stand at Eighth and Chestnut streets. Poor health and modern motored cabs forced him to abandon the stand a few years ago. He then became a house detective in a hotel near his old stand. He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Hospital September 28.

Presidents, theatrical stars, financiers and newspaper men who were destined to become recognized authors all rode with Gallagher in the old days.

The late novelist, Richard Harding Davis, was one of his fares when the

author was a Philadelphia reporter. Mr. Davis named his first fiction story "Gallegher." Although the hero was an office boy, there was no question of Jim Gallagher's part in the inspiration which led Mr. Davis to write the story following an exciting ride to a fight near Torrens.

On another night, Jim drove newspaper men to a Passyunk avenue cemetery to cover the story of a ghoul, named McNamee, who was caught robbing graves and selling bodies to medical students.

Gallagher made good as a house detective when he saved a man from three gunmen who had pursued their intended victim to the bar of the hotel where Gallagher was employed. He captured all three of the gunmen.

HUNT MISSING GIRL HERE

Young Woman of Sixteen Tired of
Family Drudgery

Pasquale Mirarchi, of Shamokin, has come to Philadelphia to search for his sixteen-year-old daughter Jennie, who, attired in her best, left home last Saturday. Her mother is dead and she kept house for her father and two younger brothers and two sisters.

Jennie wore a blue serge dress, a black velvet coat, a black hat and brown shoes and stockings when she left Shamokin. She is about five feet six inches tall. She wears her long, light hair loosely over her back. Her father traced her through Mount Carmel and Pottsville, and now believes she is in this city.

WILLS BENEFIT CHARITIES

Women's Estates Go Largely to
Churches and Homes

The beneficiaries in the will of Pauline Schirmer, 755 East Ontario street, admitted to probate in City Hall today.

The Lutheran Orphans' Home and Asylum received \$500, the Ontario Presbyterian Church, \$500, Good Shepherd Home for Crippled Children, Alberttown, \$500, and the Mercer Memorial Home, Atlantic City, \$300. The residue of a \$9090 estate was left to relatives.

Churches and charities were also beneficiaries of the will of Susanna C. Michael, 2227 Wallace street, who left \$1000 to the Central Congregational

FIGHT SUNDAY BASEBALL

Fortieth Ward Residents Plan to
Petition Mayor Moore

Residents of the Fortieth ward will hold a mass meeting tonight in the Woodland United Presbyterian Church, Sixty-sixth street and Woodland avenue, to form a Law and Order Association for West Philadelphia.

The first business of the association, according to the Rev. L. E. H. Smith, pastor of the Woodland Church, will be to petition Mayor Moore to order the Sunday baseball games at Sixty-eighth street and Woodland avenue discontinued.

DIVERS RAISING SUBMARINE

Sunken S-S Will Be Lifted in Four
Weeks

Divers are working in relays in an effort to raise the submarine S-S, which was sunk off Cape Henlopen about six weeks ago.

They are required to dive into 120 feet of water to proceed with the work, which is going on very slowly now and will require from three to four weeks to accomplish. The salvage party is operating from the mine sweeper Maltard and the tug Lawrence. The workmen yesterday were blowing out the ballast tanks of the submarine.

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